

***Spokane Regional Council of Governments  
Spokane Washington***

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Secretary Raymond LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Subject: North Spokane Corridor (NSC) TIGER Grant Application

Dear Secretary LaHood,

*Prior to the 2008 Legislative session the Spokane Regional Council of Governments coordinated the delivery of resolutions from nearly every legislative official within Spokane County to Olympic, identifying the expedited completion of the North Spokane Corridor (NSC) as this region's number one transportation priority. Today, we are reaffirming that commitment to you. This multimodal project remains our number one transportation priority due to the economic, environmental and safety benefits that will result.*

On behalf of the citizens of Spokane, we were pleased to hear on August 22, 2009, Washington State Governor Gregoire's decision to submit a \$35 million North Spokane Corridor Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation. What has been accomplished to date is quite impressive and we are excited about the potential for completely finishing US 395 from Wandermere to Francis, should the State of Washington be successful in receiving the TIGER grant funds.

Spokane has been advancing this project for decades, slowly gaining momentum with assistance from the Governor, the state legislature, and members of Congress. The enthusiasm from our ribbon cutting on the first drivable segment, and this support from the Governor is going to be a spring board to finish what we have started.

On August 22, 2009 this region celebrated the opening of the first drivable segment of the NSC. Successful receipt of these TIGER funds will ensure construction of the shovel-ready southbound lanes; establishing safer, more efficient connectivity to our NAFTA trade partner to the north. This project benefits all modes of transportation; regional State, national and international economic development opportunities; and improves the quality of life for those who live and visit our area.

We thank you for your time and consideration for funding this most vital component of our region's number one transportation infrastructure priority.

Sincerely

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